

*A CHARACTER COUNTS!*  
**CITY OF GAITHERSBURG**  
Art in Public Places September 27, 2011

**Attendees:** Judy Gross, Mike Sesma, Denise Kayser

**Absences:** Nora Caplan, Howard Cohen, Laurie Yankowski, Nannette Horan, Sigrid McCutcheon The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

**I. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:**

**A. Project Updates**

**Diamond Farm Skate Spot**

The top two artists from the Call for Artists-Request for Qualifications were identified. The top two artists will be asked to submit designs. If the submissions are not site appropriate, the committee may move to a limited or direct invitational, or create their own design and oversee fabrication.

**Observatory Park**

The armillary sphere project (David Harber Studio) is on hold due to the redirection of funds initially slated for the project.

**Caretakers**

The Caretakers, a wooden tree sculpture currently in the lobby of the Judicial Center in Rockville, will be moving to the Bohrer Park Activity Center. The City's Public Works Department is working with arts staff to move the artwork. The only expense will be to cover the move and placement of the sculpture.

**B. Project Discussion**

**Cultural Arts and AIPP Master Plans**

Committee members were asked to review the City of Gaithersburg Master Plan for the Art in Public Places and were asked to submit suggestions for making it current. It was last updated in 2001. Updated Cultural Arts and AIPP Master Plans will be presented to the Mayor and Council. When approved, they will be accessible on the City's website.

**C. New Project Archstone**

The committee will move forward with the Ed Bohrer sculpture project for Archstone as a direct invitational competition, focusing on local (Mid-Atlantic) artists.

**II. NEXT MEETING: November 15, 2011, 4:30p.m. at the Arts Barn**

**II. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Denise Kayser